

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Burgess at 3:30 P.M. on March 14, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mike Peterson- excused

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department

Matt Spurgin, Legislative Research Department

Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office

Maureen Stinson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Sen. Marcie Francisco

Brad Bryant

Jamie Shew

Janis McMillen

Others attending:

See attached list.

SB 283 Election boards; flexibility in the operation of

Chairman Burgess opened the hearing on **SB 283**.

Senator Marci Francisco testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1). She said she hopes this change will make it easier for our county election officers to recruit all the election board members needed for each of our elections and also allow many of our citizens who are unable to work a full 14- hour shift to have the opportunity to work at the polls.

Brad Bryant testified in support of the bill (Attachment 2). He explained that recruiting, training, and keeping good poll workers is a problem across the nation as well as in many counties in Kansas.

Jamie Shew testified in support of the bill (Attachment 3). He explained that one of the largest challenges facing many counties in Kansas is a growing shortage of election board workers.

Janis McMillen testified in support of the bill (Attachment 4). She said that it was becoming increasingly difficult to recruit persons to work more than a 12- hour day at the polls.

Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by Linda Buttron, Jefferson County Clerk (Attachment 5).

Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by R.J. Wilson, Crawford County Clerk (Attachment 6).

H Sub for SB 100

Representative Tom Sawyer made a motion to amend **SB 100**, as amended by Senate Committee, by substituting a new bill to be designated as "HOUSE Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 100" by adding the contents of SB 101, SB 158, and SB 160. Representative Vickrey seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Brunk made a motion to amend with a technical change. Representative Vickrey seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Menghini made a motion to amend relating to a date change. Rep. Huebert seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Brunk made a motion for the favorable passage of the substitute bill. Representative Otto seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2007.